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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Reports from Cape Colony—Examination for plague-infected rodents— Infectious diseases.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, December 12, 1904.

The following report by the medical officer of health for the colony on the state of the outbreak of bubonic plague in Cape Colony for the week ended December 10, 1904, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,
Under Colonial Secretary.

Port Elizabeth.—Two cases of plague were discovered during the week, namely: A European female on the 6th instant and a European female on the 10th instant. At the plague hospital 2 patients were discharged. Four cases remain under treatment. Forty-nine rats (8 found dead) and 104 mice (10 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 4 rats and 11 mice proved to be plague infected.

East London.—Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town during the week.

CAPE TOWN.

Harbor board area and shipping in harbor.—Four hundred and nine rodents were examined; no plague infection was discovered.

Cape Town municipal area.—Six hundred and five rodents were examined by the medical officer of health for the city; no plague infection was discovered.

Other districts.—No plague infection in man or animals was discovered.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

Return of cases of infectious disease in the Cape Division.

Local authority.	Scarlet fever.		Diphtheria.		Enteric (typhoid) fever.		Erysipelas.		Tuberculosis.	
	Euro- pean.	Col- ored.	Euro- pean.	Col- ored.	Euro- pean.	Col- ored.	Euro- pean.	Col- ored.	Euro- pean.	Col- ored.
Cape Town.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	9
Woodstock.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mowbray.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Claremont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Wynberg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	a1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cape Divisional Council.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	2	.....	3	1	3	.....	1	.....	4	11

^a At the Wynberg camp.

From the following local authorities no returns have been received: Green and Sea Point, Maitland, Rondebosch, Kalk Bay, and Simons Town municipalities, and Glen Lily, Fairfield, and Parow Village management board.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, December 19, 1904.

The following report by the medical officer of health for the colony on the occurrence of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended December 17, 1904, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,
Under Colonial Secretary.

Port Elizabeth.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital one European male was discharged. Three cases remain under treatment. One hundred and seventy-four rats (14 found dead) and 178 mice (24 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 6 rats and 18 mice proved to be plague infected.

East London.—No case of plague has been discovered since January 19 last. One hundred and thirty-three rats (59 found dead) and 16 mice (7 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 6 rats proved to be plague infected. Two cats were also found dead, one of which was found to be plague infected.

Other districts of the colony.—No plague infection was discovered either in man or animals. Three hundred and twelve rodents were examined during the week from the Cape Town harbor board area and shipping in the harbor, and 469 were examined by the medical officer of health for the city from the Cape Town municipal area.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

Return of cases of infectious disease in the Cape Division.

Local authority.	Scarlet fever.		Diphtheria.		Enteric (typhoid) fever.		Tuberculosis.		Leprosy.	
	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.
Cape Town.....			1		2		1	3		1
Woodstock.....	1	1					4			
Green and Sea Point.....	1									
Claremont.....							1			
Total.....	2	1	1		2		6	3		1

From the following local authorities no returns have been received: Maitland, Mowbray, Rondebosch, Wynberg, Kalk Bay, and Simons Town municipalities, Cape Divisional Council, and Glen Lily, Fairfield, and Parow village management board.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Use of diphtheria antitoxin as remedy for tuberculosis in Buenos Ayres—End of plague in Bahia—Mortuary reports from Sao Paulo, Santos, Campinas, and Rio de Janeiro.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports December 22, as follows: During the week ended the 17th instant the following vessels sailing for United States ports were inspected and were issued bills of health from this office: On the 13th instant the British steamship *City of*